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Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (claims 18) in Paper No. 3 is acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609 A(1) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the claimed invention is a method. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
4. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: --METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A
MICROMETER-SCALED ELECTRONIC-CHARGE-TRANSFERING DEVICE--.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it

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pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The specification is silent regarding how the micro-manufacturing processes are carried out. Further, it is unclear as to how the at least one of the moveable component, the first and second protrusions is micro-manufactured as recited in claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-4 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 3,614,481 to Halliday.

Regarding to claim 1 Halliday disclose a method of manufacturing an electronic-charge-transferring device comprising: providing a charged species source (30) and a charge species drain (32); and manufacturing a moveable component (16) for transferring charge to the charged species drain, a first protrusion proximate (20) to the moveable component, and a second protrusion (22) proximate to the moveable component, wherein the moveable component is

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positioned in close proximity to the charged species source (Fig. 1), and wherein at least one of the moveable component, the first protrusion and the second protrusion is micro-manufactured.

Claims 2-3 also met as set forth above.

Regarding claims 4 and 7 see Figs. 1, 3, and Col. 2, lines 45-61.

Regarding claim 8, Halliday disclose electrically connecting a device (76/78) to the charged species drain (Fig. 2).

9. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipate by Applicant admitted Prior art.

Regarding to claim 1, Fig. 1 discloses a method of manufacturing an electronic-charge-transferring device comprising: providing a charged species source (10) and a charge species drain (60); and manufacturing a moveable component (30) for transferring charge to the charged species drain, a first protrusion proximate (40) to the moveable component, and a second protrusion (5) proximate to the moveable component, wherein the moveable component is positioned in close proximity to the charged species source, and wherein at least one of the moveable component, the first protrusion and the second protrusion is micro-manufactured.

Claims 2-4 and 7 also met as set forth above.

Regarding claims 5-6 see Applicant description of the Related Art (page 1-3).

Regarding claim 8, an electrically connecting a device (70) to the charged species drain (60).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

10. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halliday.

Halliday fails to disclose a first material in the first protrusion and a second material, different from the first material, in the second protrusion. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to choose a first material in the first protrusion and a second material, different from the first material, in the second protrusion, since Applicant has not disclosed that using a first material in the first protrusion different from a second material in the second protrusion provides an advantage, is used for a particular purpose, or solve a stated problem and it appears that the invention would perform equally well with the same or different material between two protrusions. Furthermore, using different material between two contact surfaces to create tribocharging is well known in the art (See Applicant's specification page 2-3). Therefore it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify Halliday to obtain the invention as specified in claim 5.

Halliday discloses the a third material, different from the first material and the second material, in the moveable component (Col. 3, lines 42-51).

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donghai D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-7859. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter D. Vo can be reached on (703) 308-1789. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7307 for regular communications and (703) 305-3579 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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July 16, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter D. Vo', is written over a horizontal line.

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